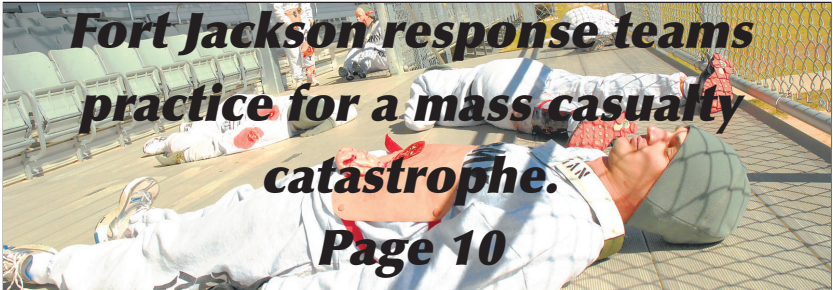


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Flattering fall foliage



Photo by Carrie David Ford

Trees burst into fall colors of red, orange and yellow all across Fort Jackson. Fall temps of high 60s and low 70s are expected in the Columbia area through the weekend.

Blaze destroys WWII-era chapel

Susanne Kappler
Leader Staff

A cloud of smoke was visible over Fort Jackson Tuesday as a World War II-era chapel was destroyed by a fire. The vacant building was a “total loss,” according to Fort Jackson Fire Chief Bill Forrester, but no injuries were reported.

The Fort Jackson Fire Department was dispatched to the scene at the corner of Jackson and Strom Thurmond boulevards at 10:43 a.m. and soon after was joined by firefighters from the South Carolina National Guard and the City of Columbia Fire Department.

Forrester said he decided to enlist the help of additional fire departments because of the volume of the fire and the fact that the chapel was a wood-frame construction. It took the 30 firefighters approximately two hours to extinguish the blaze.

“I decided right off the bat that it was

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Photo by Susanne Kappler

A fire broke out in the back of Villepique Chapel Tuesday. The cause of the fire, which rendered the abandoned building a “total loss,” is under investigation. Firefighters from Fort Jackson and other fire departments were on the scene.

Leaders declare war on mold

Mike A. Glasch
Leader Staff

Fort Jackson leaders are digging in to battle an age-old enemy — mold.

“It’s something that has been around since the beginning of time. It doesn’t say that in Genesis, but I’m pretty well confident that on the Seventh Day God also said there will be mold in the air,” said Col. Jeffery Sanderson, chief of staff.

Mold has been found in several buildings across post, especially in the older World War II barracks. However, Sanderson is quick to point out that there are several thousand types of mold, and the mold discovered here does not pose any serious health threats.

“One of the things we’ve been fortunate with here at Fort Jackson is that we have not had any toxic mold found,” he said.

“However it does cause damage, not only aesthetic damage, but there are people who have mold allergies. This is one of these things we have to be completely proactive about.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people who are sensitive to mold can experience symptoms such as nasal stuffiness, eye irritation, wheezing or skin irritation. Some people, such as those with serious allergies to molds, may have more severe reactions such as sneezing, runny nose, red eyes and skin rash.

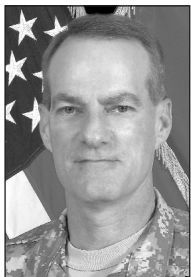
To combat the problem, the commanding general has ordered a mold remediation program be put in place. It will be a partnership between preventive medicine, the safety office and the garrison.

See Mold Page 3

COMMANDERS' CORNER

From the Commanding General

On Veterans Day, remember those who served



Brig. Gen. May

I know there is a lot of preparation going on in the Columbia area right now for next week's observance of Veterans Day — the day our nation sets aside each year to honor all those who served.

It makes me proud to see all the Veterans Day plans for our area. In addition to the parade that the city is hosting and numerous other smaller observances by veterans' organizations throughout the area, the first gratis flight for World War II veterans to the nation's capital will be departing Nov. 15 from Columbia — which practically coincides with the holiday.

I understand that the Honor Flight is booked full with World War II veterans residing in the Midlands.

Veterans Day is such an important day, not only for those who have served, but to

the nation as a whole. It provides us the opportunity to come together, recognize and reflect on the sacrifice and courage of the military men and women — as well as their families. We must never allow ourselves to lose sight of our mission and our ultimate objectives as a country.

Veterans Day has its beginnings in the World War I time frame.

Working with the assumption that the world had seen its last global conflict, Congress passed a resolution declaring Nov. 11, 1918 Armistice Day. (Armistice Day was the original name of Veterans Day.)

The resolution was passed with the hope that World War I would be the war to end all wars. Unfortunately, as our mothers and fathers subsequently found out and we later discovered, that has not been the case.

Armed today with all the lessons learned from the cataclysmic wars and conflicts in which America has championed democracy's cause, we find our-

selves at the forefront in the fight against what future historians may look back on as the ultimate threat to freedom — the Global War on Terror.

Some might debate that our leaders back in 1918 might have been naive in believing that war would be gone and the world could live in harmony, because history has taught us otherwise.

But there can be no argument that the personal sacrifices have not been in vain. This forum of freedom would not exist today had it not been for the commitment and courage of our nation's military men and women.

Let me resurrect the thoughts of John F. Kennedy, who on Veterans Day 1961, addressed a nation that had yet to forget two earlier wars and was feeling uneasy about the Cold War.

"Some might say, therefore, that this day has lost its meaning, that the shadow of the new and deadly weapons have robbed this day of its great value, that whatever name we now give this day,

whatever flags we fly or prayers we utter, it is too late to honor those who died before, and too soon to promise the living an end to organized death." Kennedy said.

"The First World War produced man's first great effort in recent times to solve by international cooperation the problems of war. That experiment continues in our present day — still imperfect, still short of its responsibilities, but it does offer a hope that someday nations can live in harmony."

Nearly a half century later, those words still ring true. World peace has yet to happen, but that fact should not alter our course, nor should it dampen our hope and resolve, because our mission has not changed.

America's veterans who have gone before us, defending Americans' freedom and democracy, have certainly laid the groundwork, making the world a safer and better place for all of us.

I am proud to salute all of those who served.

Victory Starts Here!

Ask the Garrison Commander

Derogatory information; Saturday child care

Q How do I get derogatory information transferred from my performance to the restricted portion of my Official Military Personnel File?

A Depending on your rank, Army Regulation 2710 determines where you would send your request. Soldiers in the rank of E6-E9 submit their request to:

DA Suitability
Evaluation Board
ATTN: DAPE-MPC-E
Hoffman II-Room 5S33
200 Stovall Street Alexandria, VA 22332-2600



Col. Dixon

Soldiers in the rank of E1-E5 submit request to:
Army Board Correction for Military Records
Army Review Board Agency
1941 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202-4508

Q I am a single drill sergeant and I work every Saturday. I use the free child care for my children while I work. I don't understand why using the Saturday care has to be such a hassle — why do I have to make a reservation every week?

A The Child, Youth and School Services facilities that are open on Saturdays have to know how many children are going to be attending to plan sufficient staff and

meals. Most Soldiers using the care do not work every Saturday, so parents are asked when they need the care so that an appropriate number of staff are present and enough food is available for the children attending. If you need care every Saturday, ask for a standing reservation. If, after doing that, you find that you don't need care for an upcoming Saturday, let the staff know so that they don't plan for your child to attend.

Garrison Fact of the Week

The Post Library served more than 26,000 patrons in its computer lab in fiscal year 2008. Additional computer drops are planned.

To submit questions to "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-5442, or e-mail Scott.Nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

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Children, teens need more vitamin D

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Defense Commissary Agency Dietician

FORT LEE, Va. — Drinking milk is a good way for children to get some of the vitamin D they need, especially now that the recommended daily amount has increased, according to the nation's leading pediatrician group.

The American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends that children get 400 international units of vitamin D daily, instead of the old recommendation of 200 IUs, to ward off rickets and prevent a deficiency.

Recent studies have suggested that vitamin D helps the immune system work well, and may help protect against diabetes, cancer and infections.

Milk not only provides calcium, but it also provides 100 IUs of vitamin D, which makes it an excellent source of the vitamin.

However, children would need to drink about four cups of milk every day — too much for most to drink — to get the amount they need. To help ensure children are getting enough vitamin D, also known as the sunshine vitamin, the Academy of Pediatrics also recommends that children take supplements. There are liquid and chewable supplements for infants and children.

Supplement recommendations

— Breast-fed infants need 400 IUs of vitamin D supplement because breast milk does not contain enough vitamin D. A supplement needs to be started in the first few days of life.

— Formula-fed infants that drink at least 1 liter of formula per day are getting enough vitamin D. All infant formula in the United States is fortified with vitamin D.

— Children and teenagers that do not get 400 IUs of vitamin D through vitamin D-fortified milk or vitamin D-fortified foods need 400 IUs of a vitamin D supplement.

Some other foods are good sources of vitamin D such as salmon, mackerel, tuna and sardines. Soy milk may also contain vitamin D, but read the label to make sure. And remember: Buying supplements at the commissary can save you money while providing vitamin D if recommended by a doctor.

For more information about making healthy choices, go to <http://www.commissaries.com>, post your questions on the DeCA Dietitian Forum and be sure to look for other useful information in the Dietitian's Voice archive.

Sign up with the DeCA Dietitian on <http://www.twitter.com> and start getting messages sent to your cell phone.

Getting ready for holiday travel



Photo by Crystal Lewis Brown

Victory Travel employee Terry Cooper searches for flights for Pvt. Stephanie Crossdale, a Basic Combat Training Soldier with Company F, 2nd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, during this week's ticket sales. Ticket sales began Monday and will end Dec. 12. More than 12,000 BCT Soldiers are expected to leave during this year's Victory Block Leave, scheduled for Dec. 18 through Jan. 2.

Multi-service enlistment honors veterans

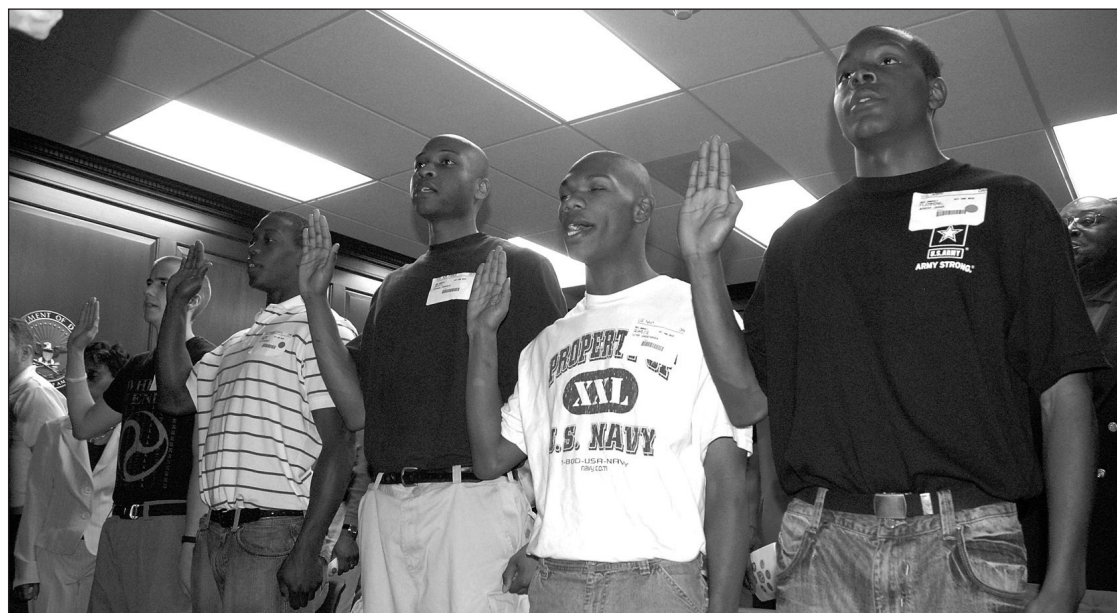


Photo by Susanne Kappler

From left: Derek Matchette, Coast Guard; Jon F. Smalls, Marines; Dupaul Scott, Air Force; Clyde Quarles, Navy; and Jeremy Flemming, Army, take the Oath of Enlistment Tuesday at the Military Entrance Processing Station. The oath was part of a ceremony to dedicate the MEPS' briefing room to all armed forces veterans. The five recruits shipped to their training units after the ceremony.

Mold (continued from Page 1)

"Mold is out there, and this is a war," Sanderson said. "War is defined as a test of will. This truly is a test of wills, us versus mold. We're going to win. We're committed, we're all in. The CG has made it perfectly clear that quality of life is a major issue across the board."

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, mold needs moisture and a food source to grow. Good food sources for mold are cloth, wood, wallboard and insulation, but molds can grow on almost anything. Water or moisture (including humidity) is the factor that limits mold growth. When there is a wet surface or material that is not dried or discarded promptly (for example, water discharged from a

burst pipe), mold can grow within 24 to 48 hours in the area.

"This is South Carolina and there is going to be mold. It is going to be attracted to anything that is damp," Sanderson said. "You have to have air conditioning in South Carolina. We're not going to make it without air conditioning. That's a fact of life. Mold is going to go to where it is wet and it is damp. It's going to gain strength, and it's going to grow and grow."

The mold remediation team will identify buildings in which mold is present and from there will decide how to combat it.

Depending on the size of the problem, it will be dealt with at the unit level (for areas 10 square feet or less), by the Directorate of Public Works, or possibly by hiring a contractor to remove the mold.

Sanderson is confident that while mold will never be totally eliminated from Fort Jackson, the steps being taken will allow it to be a manageable enemy.

"We believe if we can track this to some degree of fidelity, we believe the mold, like all things — IEDs, sexual assaults, suicides — will set a pattern," he said. "If it sets a pattern, then we can get ahead of the pattern."

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Around Post

Holiday Financial Planning

A Holiday Financial Planning class is scheduled for 9-11 a.m., Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Health Benefits Information Fair

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will host a Health Benefits Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 14 in the Main Post Chapel Activity Room. The health fair will coincide with the health benefits open season, which runs from Monday through Dec. 8. For more information, contact the Fort Jackson CPAC at 751-5834.

Garrison Holiday Celebration

The Directorate of Information Management is conducting meetings for planning the 2008 Garrison Holiday Celebration at 9 a.m., every Thursday at 3390 Magruder Ave. To volunteer for the planning committee, call 751-5333.

Customer Assessment

All community members are invited to participate in a customer assessment through Friday at www.myarmyvoice.org/community2008.

Volunteers Needed

The Directorate of Emergency Services is looking for military ID card holders to volunteer as crossing guards. Volunteers are needed 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Candidates must submit a local background check. For more information, call 751-3030.

Reporting Abuse

Every Soldier and member of the military community should report information about known and suspected cases of spouse or child abuse to the military police. The 24-hour report line is 751-3113.



At your service

hours and phone numbers for key post facilities

All South Federal Credit Union, 782-9830 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday.
American Red Cross, 751-4329/5923 — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Andy's Fitness Center, 751-4177 — 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday; call for opening time on training and federal holidays
Army Career Alumni Program, 751-4109/4104 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday
Army Community Service, 751-5256 — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Army Continuing Education Services, 751-5341 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Bowling, Century Lanes, 751-6138 — closed Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 p.m. to midnight, Saturday; 2-10 p.m., Sunday; Ivy Lanes, 751-4759
Car Care Center, 782-1639 — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Chaplain Museum, 751-8827/8079 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Child and Youth Services, 751-4865 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, 751-3219 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Class VI, 782-1601 — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday
Coleman Gym, 751-5896 — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day
Commissary, 751-5789 — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday-Friday
Department of the Army Photos (TSC), 751-7593 — 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday
Defense Military Pay Office, 751-6669 (*Soldiers*), 751-4914 (*Civilian*) — 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Dental Clinics, 751-5178/6017 — 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday
Family Health Center, 751-2273 — 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., training holidays
Florist, 738-1812 — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Furniture Store, 787-9175 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday
Hospital Retail Annex, 782-1263 — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
ID Section, 751-7731 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Legal Assistance and Claims, 751-4287/3603 — 9 a.m. to 4

p.m., Monday-Friday
LCI-SSSC, 790-5306 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Main Outpatient Pharmacy, 751-2259 — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Military Clothing Sales Store, 787-5248 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday
NCO Club, 782-2218 — Regular hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday. The NCO Club is open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
Officers' Club, 751-4906 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open to nonmembers); 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday brunch (members)
Palmetto Falls Water Park, 751-3381 — closed Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday; 1-7 p.m., Sunday
Perez Fitness Center, 751-6258 — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and training holidays
Pools, Knight, 751-4796 — 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday; Legion — noon to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday
Post Exchange, 787-1950/1951/1952 — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday
Post Office, 782-8709 — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
Recycling Center, 751-4208 — 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday; Open 24 hours for drop-off
Refill Annex (PX mall), 751-2250 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday
Reuse Center, 751-5121 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday
Safety Office, 751-6004 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Shoppettes — Lee Road, 782-0590 — 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 1, 782-2076 — 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 2, 790-4478 — 24 hours a day
SSI Retail Annex, 738-9189 — 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Theater, 751-7488 — various times, Friday-Sunday
Thrift Shop, 787-2153 — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., first Saturday of the month
Vanguard Gym, 751-4384
Vehicle Registration, 751-5887 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Veterinary Clinic, 751-7160 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Anything we missed? E-mail us at fjleader@conus.army.mil. This information will be published the first issue of each month in *The Fort Jackson Leader*.

Fire (continued from Page 1)

going to be what's called an 'exterior attack,'" Forrester said. "We weren't going to put many people inside to try to put the fire out. We did it all from the outside."

The fire chief praised the cooperation from the other departments.

"This was absolutely an excellent operation," he said.

At press time Wednesday it was unclear what caused the fire. An investigator with the City of Columbia Fire Department is assisting Fort Jackson authorities with the investigation.

"Indications are (that the fire started) in the back side of the

building," Forrester said. "I'm not sure exactly if it's utility related. It's an abandoned building, so more than likely that's where we would look first. We just really don't know yet."

The chapel has been out of service since 2002 and was scheduled for demolition during this fiscal year.

Chaplain (Col.) Henry Haynes, the installation chaplain, was saddened by the destruction of the chapel.

"We regret losing it," Haynes said. "We were going to take the windows out and put them in Memorial Chapel."

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Customer Service Corner

This week's article focuses on two issues that were submitted through the Community FIRST issue resolution process. The issues were discussed at the Installation Action Council held during fourth quarter fiscal year 2008 and were voted "complete" and "unattainable," respectively.

Title: *Drill sergeant spouse orientation and support*

Scope: There is a lack of adequate distribution of support information for drill sergeant spouses and families. Information is provided to the drill sergeant and not directly to the spouse, and because of drill sergeants' varied schedules, the information is usually not relayed to families. Services are available, but drill sergeant spouses are not aware of them.

Recommendation: Create a standardized installation welcome orientation for drill sergeant spouses to be conducted on a monthly basis, to be attended by a representative of each Family Readiness Group and open to all drill sergeant spouses.

Response: There are currently programs in place that resolve this issue — e.g., the quarterly AFTB DSS Course and the monthly Newcomer's Briefing. These programs will be marketed/publicized more diligently to ensure

awareness of the programs.

Title: *Pregnancy parking*

Scope: There are no pregnancy parking spaces at facilities on post, specifically the commissary and post exchange. Not having these spaces available makes it more difficult for pregnant women to patronize these facilities since walking a great distance is sometimes a problem.

Recommendation: Provide pregnant parking spaces at these facilities.

Response: Per Section 5-2 of the FJ Supplement to AR 190-5, the issue would need to be handled by the directorate or agency head, with coordination through the Directorate of Emergency Services. Areas or entities that don't have an agency head would fall to the garrison commander, by default. Additionally, there is no regulatory requirement to put this type of parking at any installation facility. The IAC was informed that a pregnant woman with limited mobility could see her physician to get a statement to submit to the DMV and receive a temporary handicapped parking decal.

It is now the second month of first quarter of fiscal year 2009. The issues submitted to Community FIRST during October are being distributed to the directorate or organi-

zation responsible for resolution. The issues will be addressed and completed or will remain active until the next IAC convenes. During the IAC meeting in December, the issues will be revisited and voted on whether to keep them remain active, forward them to the commanding general or deem them unattainable.

All issues submitted through Community FIRST/AFAP can be viewed or new issues submitted through the Customer Management Services Web site. Submit issues whether it affects Fort Jackson or the entire Army; feedback is important.

Submit issues and recommendations online at <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>. Click on "Submit an Issue or Recommendation" or click on the AFAP Logo to submit an issue.

ICE Appreciation

The garrison congratulates the Directorate of Human Resources, specifically the Personnel Operations Work Center and Installation Records Management. They have achieved a 4.94 and a 4.75 rating, respectively, in employee/staff attitude out of a possible 5.0 for a 12-week period.

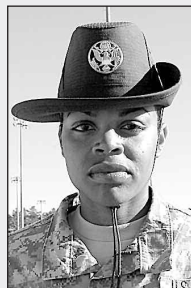
safety always in season

Thunderstorms, tornados and hurricanes can damage or destroy entire neighborhoods within minutes. Take steps now to prepare your Family to ride out a storm safely.

- **Plan your severe weather strategy.** Build a disaster supply kit, select a "safe room" and designate Family members responsible for specific tasks such as securing valuables and documents, shutting off power or retrieving pets.
- **Prepare your home, inside and out.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency and American Red Cross Web sites contain comprehensive checklists to assist in preparing your home and property for severe weather.
- **Practice your evacuation and recovery plan.** Map out home escape routes and make a plan for Family members to reunite. Designate an out-of-state relative or Family friend as a contact person and make sure all Family members know how to reach the person.

www.Fema.gov
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A tip of the campaign hat to this week's ... Drill Sergeants of the Cycle



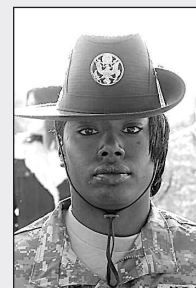
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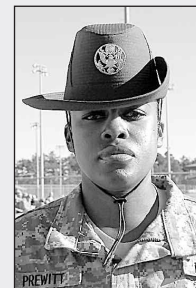
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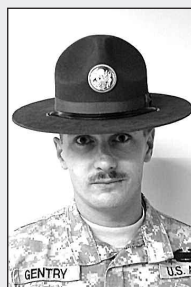
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The Thanksgiving issue of the Leader will be published Nov. 25, which is two days earlier than normal. So that we can meet our deadline, all submissions and announcements for that issue must be turned in by close of business Nov. 19 by e-mail to fjleader@conus.army.mil.



November Warrior Care Month for Army, DoD

Heike Hasenauer
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Beginning this week, the Army and its sister services will focus attention to one of the Defense Department's highest priorities — caring for wounded, ill and injured warriors.

As directed by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, November has been designated as "Warrior Care Month." Each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces has events planned during the month to highlight warrior care.

Since reports nearly two years ago that Soldiers recovering from war wounds were living in a substandard facility at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., the Army has transformed the way it structures and provides military health care to wounded and ill Soldiers, said Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, assistant surgeon general for Warrior Care and Transition.

"We have made great strides in garnering more support and more resources for our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers," Cheek said.

"Our key challenge is ensuring Soldiers and families are aware of the various programs and benefits we have to help them with the unique and personal issues each of



Photo by Elaine Wilson, Army News Service

John Ferguson, lead prosthetist at the Center for the Intrepid, uses a digital scanner to create a 3-D image of Spc. David Lawsen's leg for a prosthesis.

them face."

The general said the month is more than a way for the Army and other services to show how far they have come in taking care of their own — the activities and events during Warrior Care Month also make the

programs the Army offers more visible to Soldiers who might need them.

"Warrior Care Month is a way to highlight these programs across the Army so our wounded warriors and their families know what's being done on their behalf, and how

to take advantage of them," he said.

Cheek said Warrior Care Month is meant to provide a clear message to service members and the public that caring for those who have sacrificed for America is one of the military's highest priorities.

The Army has unique activities planned throughout Warrior Care Month, which began with the Department of Defense kick-off event Wednesday.

The Army's 36 Warrior Transition Units, in cooperation with military treatment facilities and installations across the Army will be conducting a variety of events and activities to help educate the force on wounded warrior resources, and to thank local communities and elected officials for their support.

On Nov. 17, designated as Army Service Day for warrior care, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and the Army Surgeon General are scheduled to host a town hall meeting for Soldiers and families assigned to the Walter Reed Warrior Transition Unit.

Besides visits by officials to major military medical facilities, caregivers and recovering Soldiers alike will speak at various public venues about the state of care of wounded and ill Soldiers during Operation Tribute to Freedom events.

Smooth transition expected for Obama administration

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department has made extensive plans for a smooth transition from the present administration to that of the president-elect Barack Obama, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said.

Pentagon officials planned to begin briefing the president-elect's transition team as soon as he was chosen, Whitman said.

The transition between administrations comes when the United States is at war, the first time this has happened since 1969, when the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson transitioned to that of President Richard M. Nixon in the midst of the Vietnam War.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has launched early preparations to minimize disruptions as the administrations change, Whitman said.

Gates has created a transition task force that will operate under five guiding principles: maintaining continuity of operations; assuring efficient and effective transition of outgoing leadership; assuring the efficient and effective in-processing of the incoming leaders; facilitating the transfer of information to the new administration; and sustaining focus on existing programs and processes while allowing the incoming administration to focus on its governing processes.

"One of the important components of this is ensuring that we've identified and highlighted some of the key department events, actions (and) milestones that a new administration will face in its first 90 days," Whitman said.

These include normal yearly actions such as the submission of the DoD budget in early February to other events that a new administration must work on immediately.

"These are recurring or cyclic things that perhaps a new

administration needs to be reminded of," Whitman said.

Gates also has taken an inventory of the political leadership of the Pentagon — roughly 250 people — to see who would be willing to stay on in their jobs if asked by the new administration.

"There are a number of people that have given an indication that if they were asked to stay on and serve as a bridge after Jan. 20 until their replacement is on board, they would do so."

Whitman said the department has office space for a couple of dozen transition team members and remains leaning forward, ready to help.

"We have troops in harm's way in the War on Terror, and ... I know that there will be herculean efforts on the part of this department to ensure that things go as smoothly as possible, so that on Jan. 20, this will be as seamless as possible," Whitman said.

FEATURE

Terrorist exercise tests post procedures

Crystal Lewis Brown
Leader Staff

It was a grim scenario.

About 40 Soldiers pretending to be a group of Basic Combat Training graduates lay on the ground, moaning as if in pain. Two shooters posing as disgruntled veterans darted out of the woods adjacent to Hilton Field, shooting blanks amidst smoke bombs they had set off. And to make matters worse, there were soon even more wounded, as a bomb went off in the stands, injuring what would be family members and friends at Fort Jackson cheering on the graduates.

Although the sequence of events was staged, the response was not. It was all a part of a mass casualty exercise held at Fort Jackson Oct. 29 aimed at providing real-time reaction and response in the event of a major on-post attack.

“The Department of Defense requires a once-a-year exercise,” said Mark Mallach, anti-terrorism officer, who spearheaded the day’s events. “We’re using a rehearsal to simulate what would happen on a graduation day and how we would handle it.”

Last week’s exercise included a small-arms attack, as well as the deployment of two vehicle-born improvised explosive devices, or VBIEDs. In addition to the major Fort Jackson brigades and support units, McCrady Emergency Management Services and Columbia Fire and EMS also participated in the exercise. Representatives from the South Carolina Emergency Management division and the South Carolina Joint Terrorism Task Force were also on-hand to observe.

Despite the detailed planning going into the exercise, the day was not without glitches. As the “graduates” lay wounded, observers and participants were busy fielding and making phone calls while trying to expedite the long delay in the emergency response. The exercise revealed a dilemma — emergency workers could not be sent into an unsecured site, but wounded Soldiers were in immediate need of emergency care. Critical was the absence of the Special Reaction Team, which would normally secure the incident site and pave the way for the military police, fire department and EMS.

Setbacks such as this are the very reason yearly exercises are so crucial, Mallach said.

“In the overall response to the exercise, that was a point of interest,” he said, pointing out that once the first responders showed up, they worked quickly to assess the situation and treat the wounded Soldiers. “We made some strides in some of our procedures, but we still have a ways to go.”

Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander, also called the



Photos by Crystal Lewis Brown

Members of the Columbia Fire Department ease a role-playing Soldier onto a gurney to prepare for transport to a local hospital. Soldiers participating in the exercise were actually taken to a medical facility, with one “critically” injured Soldier even being airlifted out of the area.

exercise a success.

“This exercise was central in allowing the entire Fort Jackson team, as well as our partners in Richland County and the City of Columbia, to test our reaction and response time, and our systems and procedures in the event of a real world catastrophic event,” she said. “Last May, our exercise focus was severe weather, and we identified areas that required some fine-tuning. I am confident as we continue to train the standard and test our processes, we will continue to make strides in the area of force protection.”

Lt. Col. Hugh O’Connor, 165th Infantry Brigade executive officer and lead observer for the exercise, said he thought the exercise showed Fort Jackson was well-prepared.

“I think it went very well,” he said. “Hopefully, we never have a mass casualty situation on Fort Jackson, but if we do, the garrison has a workable, viable, feasible plan in place.”

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Members of the Special Reaction Team prepare to secure the area and capture any remaining terrorists as part of the exercise.

FEATURE

Hospital offers faster, better dermatology treatment

Mike A. Glasch

Leader Staff

When Siobhan Faust got tired of looking in the mirror at a face that looked like it belonged to a pimply-faced teen rather than a young adult, she decided to seek medical help for her acne.

"I feel that I am getting too old to have acne," said the 20-year-old dependent.

Faust's primary care provider at Moncrief Army Community Hospital recommended she see a dermatologist — one that was more than a 1,000 miles away. Faust had just been introduced to the world of teledermatology.

"It means they see me rather than the dermatologist in person," explained Debbie Goodwin, MACH teledermatology consult manager. "I do a medical background, ask them a ton of questions about what is going on with their skin, the problems they have had, what they have treated it with and what hasn't helped. I write all that up, and then I take high-resolution digital photographs of the areas of the skin that are a problem."

Goodwin enters all the patient information and uploads the photos into her computer. That information is then stored in a computer at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. From there, it can be seen by professors of dermatology at BAMC and the University of Miami.

Goodwin said that patients are a little skeptical at first.

"I explain to them it's new medicine. All we are doing is moving electrons instead of the patient," said the nurse of more than 20 years. "A real dermatologist is seeing you, they're just doing it remotely via photos and information."

Faust was one of those who had a few doubts.

"I was skeptical at first because I didn't understand what teledermatology was," Faust said. "But after Debbie explained what it was and I saw the photos and what she was doing I felt more comfortable about it."

Teledermatology has proved beneficial for both patients and the hospital, saving time and money.

"The patient actually has faster access to care," Goodwin said. "If they get a referral from their doctor for a dermatologist, it can take up to 28 days to even get an appointment. Generally, a patient can see their doctor, then see me in the next day or two and have their results back within in a couple of days."

Since patients are not sent out into the network to see a dermatologist off-post, there is a monetary benefit to the hospital.

"We were spending more than \$400,000 a year sending dermatology patients to the network," said Col. Carol Hughes, MACH commander. "More than 80 percent of



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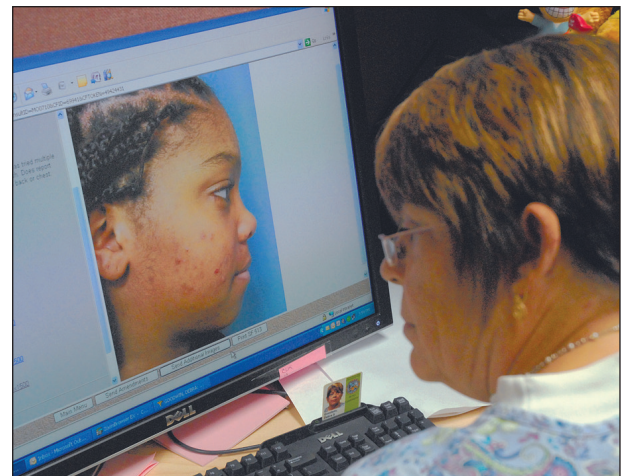
Debbie Goodwin, left, teledermatology consult manager, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, takes photographs of Siobhan Faust's face. The photos and patient information are then sent electronically to Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for analysis.

these referrals can be handled using teledermatology. By recapturing these patients using teledermatology, we can spend that money in other areas at MACH that will benefit our patients and their families."

Currently there are 34 facilities using teledermatology Army-wide, including in Iraq and Afghanistan. The benefits of combining medicine and Internet technology has led DoD to create the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center. Goodwin expects the field to continue to grow.

"The key is getting the knowledge out to the patients," she said. "It's getting people used to the idea that even though they are not physically in the room with the doctor, he is still seeing all your history, still getting all the information, and he's seeing high-resolution photos that he can look at life-sized. Sometimes they can see things in the photos that they might not see if they saw you in person."

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Debbie Goodwin (left), teledermatology consult manager, Moncrief Army Community Hospital, enters a patient's information and photos into her computer so that the information can be seen by a doctor in Texas.

FEATURE

Fort Jackson's first Soldiers from World War I

Shari Lynn Wigle

Guest Author

Fort Jackson, the United States Army Basic Combat Training Center of Excellence, has a proud history of training Soldiers since World War I.

November is an ideal time for the Fort Jackson community to remember the installation's first Soldiers since Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, marks the 90th anniversary of the World War I armistice.

Camp Jackson, one of 16 National Army cantonments during World War I, was named for Andrew Jackson, major general of the Army and the seventh U.S. president. Construction began in the summer of 1917 and cost more than \$8.8 million. More than 10,000 workmen transformed a 12,804-acre wilderness site, located 6 miles east of Columbia, into an Army camp with a capacity of 44,000 people.

Building crews created a city of training facilities, barracks, theaters, stores, remount station, stables, warehouses, an airfield, roads, bridges, railroads, laundry heating plants and more. Structures grouped around Jackson Circle park included the Knights of Columbus Hall, YWCA Hostess House, YMCA building, YMCA auditorium and Liberty Theater.

On Sept. 5, 1917, the first recruits from South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Florida reported to Camp Jackson where the 81st Infantry Division had organized in August 1917. Brig. Gen. Charles H. Barth, the first post commander, served as the division's commanding general.

The 81st, nicknamed the Wildcat Division, trained near the reservation's Wildcat Creek. These Soldiers, who wore a black wildcat insignia on their sleeves, started the Army tradition of unit patches. The 81st Inf. Div. saw action in the 1918 campaigns of Alsace-Lorraine and Meuse-Argonne.

The 5th Red Diamond Division, moved into Camp Jackson when the 81st left for France. The 5th Div. participated in Alsace-Lorraine, Saint Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns.

In addition to the divisions, Camp Jackson had a medical complex of more than 80 buildings and a 1,000-bed hospital, doctors, dentists, nurses and other Army personnel who treated medical and surgical patients. In addition, the hospital staff also coped with epidemics of measles, pneumonia, meningitis and the Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918-1919.

Nurses at Camp Jackson were among more than



Photo from the Fort Jackson Museum

This photo from June 1918 shows the Fort Jackson cantonment area before all the buildings were erected.

21,000 in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I. Some nurses, who attended the camp's Army School of Nursing unit, joined the more than 10,000 Army nurses who crossed the Atlantic to aid U.S. troops.

Base hospital Units No. 60 and No. 106 organized at Camp Greenleaf, Ga., and trained at Camp Jackson's base hospital. Base units consisted of 35 Medical Corps officers, 200 enlisted men, 100 nurses and some civilian employees.

The Army designated base hospitals, located a safe distance from combat zones, for more extensive and definitive treatment of ill and injured Soldiers. Those fixed facilities operated in conjunction with battlefield first aid, dressing stations, ambulances and hospital trains as well as field, mobile, evacuation, convalescent and camp hospitals.

Troops benefited from the Army Medical Department's specialization. For example, Base No. 106 at Beau Desert received all the center's contagious and infectious diseases and surgical chest cases. Before antibiotics and high-tech medicine, U.S. Army doctors, nurses, and medical personnel saved the lives of more than 200,000

American Soldiers wounded in World War I.

Starting in late December 1918 sick and injured Soldiers arrived at Camp Jackson's hospital from overseas. They represented the 81st, 31st Dixie, 42nd and several other Divisions. In early 1919 the hospital's Educational, Vocational Training and Reconstruction Departments prepared Soldiers for their return to civilian occupations.

Editor's Note: Shari Lynn Wigle is the author of the 2008 non-fiction book "Pride of America, We're With You: the Letters of Grace Anderson, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, World War I." *The book provides additional World War I information about U.S. troops, Army nurses and medical teams at cantonments and in the American Expeditionary Forces. Additional information was garnered from "History of Fort Jackson, Chapter 1-1917, the Beginning," Fort Jackson Museum online, www.jackson.army.mil/Museum/. Visit the Fort Jackson Museum, 4442 Jackson Blvd., across from post headquarters, to see World War I exhibits. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and closed weekends and federal holidays. For more information from the museum, call 751-7419.*

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Fall festival



Photo by Capt. Dominic Amantiad, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception)

1st Sgt. Joyce Palmer, Company B, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), right, and her daughter Tykera Palmer, 16, show off their costumes during the battalion's Fall Festival Oct. 30. Palmer won the second prize in the costume contest.

This Week

AER Commander's Referral Training

An Army Emergency Relief Commander's Referral Training is scheduled for 9-10:30 a.m., today at the Education Center, room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Parents Who Care

A Parents Who Care (early childhood) meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, today in the Joe E. Mann Center conference room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Sponsor Training

Sponsor training is set for 1-2 p.m., today at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

The ART of Relaxation

The ART of Relaxation will take place 4-5:30 p.m., today at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Veterans Job and Health Fair

A job and health fair for South Carolina veterans is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday at the National Guard Armory, 1225 Bluff Road. For more information, call 751-5834.

Gobble Gobble Day

Balfour Beatty is inviting residents to make turkeys to decorate the community office 3:30-4 p.m., Friday. For more information, call 739-8275.

Veterans Day Golf Scramble

The 171st Infantry Brigade Veterans

Day Golf Scramble is scheduled for 8 a.m. Friday at the Fort Jackson Golf Course. Cost is \$19 for members and \$31 for non-members. For more information, call 318-1814.

Child Abuse Awareness

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Quick Jobs Seminar

A Quick Jobs Seminar is set for 9-11:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-4862/5452.

Retired Officers' Wives Club

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Reservations must be made by 3 p.m. Friday. For more information or to register, call 699-1768 or 783-1220.

Upcoming

EFMP Support Group

The EFMP Sibling Support Group meets 5 p.m., Nov. 13 at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Balfour Beatty Food Drive

Balfour Beatty will be accepting canned goods donations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13 at the community office.

Personal Financial Planning

A Personal Financial Planning class is scheduled for 8:30-10:30 a.m., Nov. 13 in the Education Center, Room B-302. For

more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

FRG Leadership Training

Family Readiness Group Leadership Training is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Nov. 13-14 at Dozier Hall. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

AFTB Level I Training

An Army Family Team Building Level I class is set from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 13-14, in the Joe E. Mann Center. For more information or to register, call 751-6315 or e-mail Angela.Crosland@conus.army.mil.

Pre-Thanksgiving Social

A Hearts Apart Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck Social is scheduled for 6-8 p.m., Nov. 14 at the Main Post Chapel. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

World War I Symposium

The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum will host a World War I military history symposium Nov. 15. For more information and to register, visit <http://ccr.sc.gov/events/ww1>.

Homemade Bread Day

Balfour Beatty residents are invited to stop by the community office 9-11 a.m., Nov. 17 to exchange bread recipes and drink apple cider.

Spouse Sponsorship Training

Spouse Sponsorship Training is set for 9-11 a.m., Nov. 18 in the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213. For more information or to register, call 751-5458.

Job Interview/Salary Negotiation

A Job Interview/Salary Negotiation Skills class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Nov. 18 at the Education Center, Room B-206.

For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Hearts Apart

A Hearts Apart committee meeting is scheduled for 10-11 a.m., Nov. 18 at the Red Cross Conference Room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

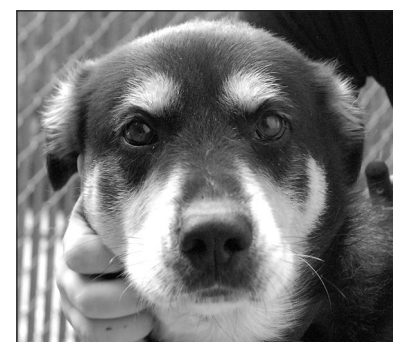
Managing Children Under Stress

A Managing Children When Under Stress class is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18 at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Using Credit Wisely

A Using Credit Wisely class is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 18 at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Need a friend?



Photos by Carrie David Ford and Susanne Kappler

These pets need a home, from top: 4-month-old black kittens, 1-year-old female cat, 5-year-old German shepherd mix, 5-month-old female cat and 7-week-old kitten. For information on these or other pets for adoption, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.

EFMP Thanksgiving Dinner

An EFMP Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m., Nov. 18 in the Main Post Activity Room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Home haunt winner



Courtesy Photo

A scary scene greeted visitors to family housing during Balfour Beatty's Home Haunt contest last week. The Blue family was officially named scariest family on the block and received a \$100 gift card to Lowe's.

Financial Readiness Class

A Financial Readiness for First Termers class is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 19 in the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Steps to Federal Employment

A Steps to Federal Employment class is scheduled for 8:30-11:30 a.m., Nov. 19 in the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Child Abuse Awareness

A Child Abuse Awareness class is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m., Nov. 19 at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Military Spouse and Dependent Children Scholarship Seminar

A Military Spouse and Dependent Children Scholarship Seminar is scheduled for 1-2 p.m., Nov. 19 in the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Phase II Levy Briefing

A Phase II Levy Briefing is scheduled for 2:30-3:30 p.m., Nov. 19 in the Strom Thurmond Building. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Living in Many Worlds

Living in Many Worlds, a National American Indian Heritage Month event, is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 19 at the Officers' Club. Tickets are \$9.25. For more information, contact the brigade equal opportunity adviser, unit representative or the Installation EO staff office.

Announcements

Sustainable Interiors Showcase Green Furniture Tour

The open house tour for Fort Jackson's Sustainable Interiors Showcase "environmentally friendly" furniture is set for Nov. 13. Two tours are offered.

The first is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the second is 12:30-1:30 p.m. The offices are located in the Strom Thurmond Building, Rooms 200, 245 and 246. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 799-6502.

Recurring Meetings

Weekly

Walking Away Stress meets at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street. For a walking log or more information, call 751-6325.

Play Group meets 10-11:30 a.m., Mondays at 5953C Parker Lane. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

Range Control Briefing is held at 1 p.m., Mondays and Fridays at the Education Center, Room 302. For more information, call 751-7171.

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol) meets at 6:30 p.m., Mondays at Columbia's downtown airport, Owens Field, main conference room. For more information, e-mail tom.alsup@gmail.com or visit online at www.scwg.cap.gov.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength meets 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. It is open to combat veterans and their family members. For more information, call 751-2160/2183.

Medical Board Office is closed from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., every Thursday. For information, call 751-0359/7152/7318.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Homeschoolers are welcome and evening studies are available. Free child care is available. For information, e-mail pwocjackson@yahoo.com.

Overseas Travel Clinic is held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Fridays. For more information, call 751-5151.

Military Widows/Widowers Association meets at 2 p.m., Sundays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor. For more information, call 787-2469.

Monthly

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m., the second Sunday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meets at noon the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel Street, Columbia. The group also meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., Ground Level, Meeting Room 2, Columbia.

Seabees meet at 7 p.m., the second Monday of the month at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Call 755-7792, 736-0841 or 755-0300 for more information.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meet at 7:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets at 11:30 a.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Post Conference Room www.jackson.army.mil/360/SA-MC/home.htm.

American Legion Post #182 meets at 7 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Officers' Club. For information, call 351-2333.

Disabled American Veterans meet 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 796-7122.

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202 meets at 1 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at 2620 Lee Road. Call 482-4456 for information.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303 meets at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at American Legions Post 6, 200 Pickens Street. For more information, call 312-4895.

Purple Heart #402 meets at 7 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Post #6 on Pickens Street. For information, call 351-2333.

American Red Cross new adult volunteers orientation is the third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon at building 2179 on Sumter Avenue. For more information, call 571-4329.

"Victory Riders" Motorcycle Club meets at 5 p.m., the first and third Thursdays of the month at Magruders Club. For information, e-mail sec@ffvictoryriders.com.

Society of American Military Engineers meets 11:30 a.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. For information, call 254-0518 or 765-0320.

MEDPROS training will be held 1-4 p.m., the third Friday of the month, at the hospital, Room 9-83. For more information or to register, e-mail Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil.

Retired Enlisted Association meets at 5:30 p.m., the third Friday of the month at the hospital, third floor. For information, call 740-2319 or e-mail jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV meets at 11 a.m., the third Saturday of the month, except July and August, at the DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 260-1067.

U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, for 11-18 year olds, meet the third weekend of the month. For information call 622-8707.

Fort Jackson Spouses' Club meets monthly. Visit their Web site, www.fortjacksonspousesclub.com, for more information about upcoming meetings and events, or contact the group at Ft.JacksonSpousesclub@yahoo.com.

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fleader@conus.army.mil.

DeCA Scholarship Applications

The Defense Commissary Agency is now accepting applications for its 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program. Scholarship applications are available in commissaries or online at <https://www.commissaries.com> or <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. The deadline for applications is Feb. 18.

DoD Travel Card Transition

DoD travel cards will transition during the next 30 days. Cardholders should have received and verified receipt of the new Citibank cards. The Citibank travel card will become effective Nov. 30. Those traveling Nov. 29-30 will need to travel with the Citibank and Bank of America cards. BoA travel cards can be destroyed Nov. 30.

FIRST RESPONDER



The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Lt. Col. Ronald F. Taylor
Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal
Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.
Provost Sergeant Major
Billy Forrester
Fire Chief

Cases of the Week

The Fort Jackson Fire Department and Military Police responded to a call about a suspicious object buried in the housing area. The object turned out to be an artillery shell, located near a gas line, MPs said. Explosive Ordnance Disposal arrived at the scene and concluded that the artillery shell was spent. The shell was removed and the area was cleared without incident, MPs said.

Two civilians were arrested for disorderly conduct and were banned from Fort Jackson for one year. The civilians were involved in an argument at a gym, during which they verbally assaulted an employee, MPs said. The civilians left the gym before

MPs arrived, but were stopped and arrested at Gate 2 as they tried to leave the installation, MPs said.

The Fort Jackson Fire Department and MPs responded to a call about a gas leak at a construction site. The leak was caused by work conducted on a pipe valve, MPs said. The area was secured, and the leak was repaired.

Provost Marshal's Tip of the Week

South Carolina laws mandate the use of seat belts by all vehicle occupants. The law reads:

The driver and every occupant of a motor vehicle, when it is being operated on the public streets and highways of this state, must wear a fastened safety belt which complies with all provisions of federal law for its use.

The driver is charged with the responsibility of requiring each occupant 17 years of age or younger to wear a safety belt or be secured in a child restraint system as provided in Article 47 of this chapter.

However, a driver is not responsible for an occupant 17 years old or younger who has a driver's license, special restricted license or beginner's permit and who is not wearing a seat belt; such occupant is in violation of this article and must be fined in accordance with Section 56-5-6540.

Citations issued in October

Speeding Over 20 mph	55
Over 25	24
Over 30 mph	34
Over 35 mph	28
Over 40 mph	12
Over 45 mph	14
Failure to Leave Public Premises	1
Littering	0
Shoplifting	12
No Driver's License in Possession	10
No Proof of Insurance	18
Expired DL	10
Driving Under Suspension	15
Expired Tags	24
Expired Vehicle Reg.	24
Suspended Plate	9
Expired Decals	1
No Registration	11
Failure to Stop for Blue Lights	0
Hit and Run	0
Window Tint	1
Following Too Closely	1
Improper Starting	0
Improper Left Turn	0
Failure to Yield (Stop Sign)	16
Impeding Traffic Flow	0
Parking in a No Parking Zone	3
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	8
Public Disorderly	10
Driving Under the Influence	2
Improper Backing	14
Improper Rear Lights	3
Unsafe Equipment	2
Failure to Maintain Guest	2
Excessive Exhaust Smoke	1
Seat Belt Violation	11
Disregard Traffic Signal	5
Failure to Obey TCD	7
Failure to Surrender Tag	6
Open Container in Vehicle	0
Simple Assault	5
Simple Possession	0
Too Fast For Conditions	3
Cell Phone Violations	18
Handicap Parking Violation	1
Failure to Transfer Ownership	1
Larceny of Private Property	6
Criminal Domestic Violence	1

Total: 429

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The Sixth Sign of Terrorism

6 Dry run/trial run

Another possible sign is that of "dry runs." Before the execution of the final operation or plan, a practice session will be run to work out the flaws and unanticipated problems. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping but it can also pertain to bombings. A dry run may be the heart of the planning stage of a terrorist act.

crimestoppers
1-888-559-TIPS
www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

Ways to sidestep credit card scams

Part 3 of 3: What to do to restore credit and avoid future problems

Capt. Vito J. Abruzzino
Legal Assistance Attorney

If your identity or credit information was stolen, remedial action is only the first step to getting back on track. After the initial action, discussed in last week’s article, other measures should be taken.

First and foremost, ensure you have a copy of the police report from the local authorities where the theft took place. Almost every action you conduct from this point forward is likely to require proof that a crime has occurred. Keep in mind not to give away your last copy.

Secondly, close the accounts that you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Call and speak with someone in the security or fraud department of each entity. Follow up in writing, and include copies (never the originals) of supporting documents. It is important to notify credit card companies and banks in writing. Send your letters by certified mail, and request a return receipt so you can document what the company received and when. Keep a file of your correspondence and enclosures.

When you open new accounts, use new Personal Identification Numbers and passwords. Avoid using easily available information like your mother’s maiden name, your birth date, the last four digits of your Social Security

number, or your phone number. This is always a recipe for disaster. Also, request the transaction records relating to the identity theft, such as the fraudulent credit application from the banks and credit card companies.

Once you have resolved your identity theft dispute with the company, ask for a letter stating that the company has closed the disputed accounts and has discharged the fraudulent debts.

Also, ask the companies to contact the credit bureaus and report the correct info. Once they do this, ask for a letter stating what they have done on your behalf. These letters can help you if errors relating to this account reappear on your credit report or if you are contacted again about the fraudulent debt.

Alert the credit bureaus that the fraud issues have been resolved and that they can go back to business as usual on your accounts. If you fail to take this step, the next time you get a credit check or open a new account that requires a credit report, you could be denied. This process can be rather lengthy, so get the ball rolling as soon as reasonably possible.

Last, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission. By sharing your identity theft complaint with the FTC, you will provide important information that can help law enforcement officials across the nation track

Operation Hours

Fort Jackson’s Legal Assistance Office, located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 9475 Kershaw Road, is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

For appointments, call 751-4287. The office accepts walk-ins for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney, 1:30-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Walk-ins are welcome for general legal questions and are accepted 9-11 a.m., Thursdays.

down identity thieves and stop them. The FTC can refer victims’ complaints to other government agencies and companies for further action, as well as investigate companies for violations of laws the agency enforces.

You can file a complaint by calling 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338); or by mail: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580.

Be sure to call the hotline to update your complaint if you have any additional information or problems. Forms and other information are available at www.ftc.gov.

CHAPEL

Start preparing for the holiday season

Chaplain (Capt.) Iris Dickerson
Task Force Marshall

Although times are hard, the holiday season is coming anyway. It is not possible to freeze all spending until we can go through all areas of our budget line-by-line. However, prioritizing is of great importance. It is possible to enjoy the holidays without excessive spending but it is up to you to evaluate why you celebrate and what is needed to do so.

If you celebrate because everyone else is doing so, then you could possibly exceed your spending limits just to keep up with others. If you celebrate to please other people, but it has no fulfillment for you, then one dime spent is meaningless. If you celebrate because this is a time to give, to bring family together and for spiri-



tual renewal, then material things will not be needed as much. Start preparing now for the holidays. Set priorities based on the reason you celebrate, but remember your boundaries and limits so you will have no regrets for celebrating altogether. This is a time to celebrate, for this is a season that so much was given to us. I encourage you to remember the reason for the season, which is love.



Protestant

- Sunday
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
8 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next Chaplain School
- Wednesday 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDY

- Monday
7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)

- Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation's Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
- Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women's Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Sunday
5 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Catholic

- Monday-Friday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (MG Robert B. Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

Lutheran/Episcopalian

- Sunday
8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

Islamic

- Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

Jewish

- Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

Church of Christ

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Chapel

Latter Day Saints

- Sunday
9:30-11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

Addresses, phone numbers

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4216
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

On a roll



Photo by Susanne Kappler

First Sgt. Reginald Creech, Company A, Victory Support Battalion, releases on the ball during the Commander's Cup Bowling Tournament Monday at Century Lanes. The tournament took place Monday through Wednesday and by press time MEDDAC Team 2 was leading the team score. Greg WYROBEK was the leader in the male high game and high series categories, Clarice Lockhart had the highest game among women and Monica Wright was leading the female high series. Final scores were computed Wednesday after press time.

Sports Briefs

Sports Banquet

The Sports Banquet is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Dec. 10 at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-3096.

Volunteer Cheerleading Coaches

Volunteer youth cheerleading coaches are needed. Experience is desired, but not mandatory. Volunteers get the "coaches discount," when their own children also play sports — 100 percent for the first child; 50 percent for siblings. For more information or to volunteer, call 751-5040.

Youth Basketball, Cheerleading

Registration will be accepted until Nov. 17 for youth basketball and cheerleading. The season for both runs December through February. Practices will be once a week for 4-7 year olds and twice a week for 8-18 year olds. Games are played on Saturdays. The fee for basketball is \$40 for the first child and \$36 for siblings and includes a jersey, shorts and a trophy. The fee for cheerleading is \$30 for the first child and \$27 for siblings and includes a skirt, a top and a trophy.

Important Numbers

For youth sports, call 751-5610/5040; For golf information, call 787-4437/4344; For sports information, call 751-3096.

